

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3211
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AIR COVER FOR FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to provide air cover to security forces engaged in counter insurgency as reported in `Hindustan Times` dated July 25, 2005;
- (b) if so, the forces and the sectors identified therefor; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): Air support is being provided to security forces engaged in counter insurgency for rescue, relief, medical evacuation and other operational support purposes.